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Palestinians clash in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (R)--A hardline Palestinian commando group today accused Fatah, the largest guerrilla organisation in the Palestine Liberation Organisation of killing four of its men in a factional clash at a camp in Northern Lebanon. The Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said in its newspaper Al Tassadi that Fatah guerrillas attacked a DFLP office in a display of what was called "black terrorism" near Tripoli, north of here. A Fatah spokesman declined to comment. DFLP officials said Fatah guerrilas raided the office last Friday after DFLP militants painted anti-Fatah slogans. Four men were killed and two were still missing, the officials said.

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Taiwan rejects Peking's peace moves

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### Peru's trade unions call off general strike

LIMA, Ian, II (R)-Peru's main trade unions have called off a planned three-day general strike after just over a day following government orders that rioters would be shot on sight and the detention of 56 leading unionists. Leaders of the communist-led General Confederation of Peruvian Workers said last night they were suspending the strike, which was intended as a protest against the military government's economic policies. The union leaders arged the government to release the union leaders detained in advance of the strike, to restore constitutional guarantees suspended with the aim of averting the stoppage, and to allow seven magazines banned because of the strike threat to publish

### Spanish police identify one of judge's killers

MADRID, Jan. 11 (R)--Spanish police said today they had iden-IRES AN EX tified one of two gunmen who killed a supreme court judge in Madrid two days ago. Several alleged members of the guerrilla being questioned in connection with the murder of Judge Miguel Cruz Cuenca, police said. iange the occur

### Nyerere receives message from Sadat

DAR ES SALAAM, Isn. 11 (R). Tanzanian President Julius

Nyerere today received a special message from Egyptian leader

Anwar Sadat on the Middle East situation. The message was PRAYER ST presented by an assistant to President Sadat, former Prime Minismens where the Mandouh Salem who is expected to visit Manuto to deliver a similar message to Mozambique President Samora Machel, a state house spokesman said. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

### Japan suspends postal services to Iran

rd by viran TOKYO, Jan. 11 (R)--Japan has suspended all postal services to Iran because of continued anti-Shah unrest in the country, the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications said here today. The smail suspension has brought to a virtual balt Japanese exports to Iran as banks are unable to send bills to Tehran, the bank of

### Red Cross reinforces team in Iran

GENEVA Jan. 11 (R)-Red Cross delegates visited more than - 100 political prisoners in three Tebran jails last month and rarranged hospital treatment for some of those injured in dis-3 "turbances, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Fraid today. By the end of December, 445 political prisoners had E been visited in Tehran, 156 of whom had been arrested during recent disturbances. ICRC delegates planned to make further visits to prisoners in Tehran and elsewhere in Iran, the organsation said in its latest bulletin. The ICRC has reinforced its team in Iran and has opened a tracing bureau in Tehran to help relatives sobtain news of people who are missing or under arrest.

### Chess champion stripped of Soviet citizenship

BERNE, Jan. 11-(R)-Chess grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi has been stripped of his Soviet citizenship two years after he has sought political asylum in Holland, the Soviet embassy in Berne aid today. An embassy spokesman said korchnoi, who lives at Wohles in Northern Switzerland, had been told of the decision ate last month. He said the supreme Soviet had decided in December to degrive the 47-year-old chess player of his citirenship because he had not made use of it for at least two years. Sorchnot, beaten 6-5 by Soviet world champion Anatoly Karpov n a controversial world title match in the Philippines last October, reposited his Soviet passport with the Dutch police when he cought asylum in the Netherlands in 1976.

### Lord Barnetson to retire as Reuters Chairman

ONDON, Jan. 11 (R)-Lord Barnetson announced today he would renire as chairman of Reuters at the end of June. His diccessor will be elected at a meeting of Reuters Board to be held in Jan. 17. Lord Barnetson, 61, was elected Chairman in 1968 for he statutory three-year term and was three times re-elected. He etires a year before the completion of his fourth term to assume the charmanship of a major programme company in British charmetrial television. Lord Barnetson is chairman of United lewspapers and of the Observer newspaper.

## Czech human rights spokesman sentenced

RUTNOV Czechoslovakia, Jan: 11 (R)-Human rights beesman Jaroslav Sabata was sentenced to nine months' in jail day for insulting a policeman. He denied the charge which arose ut of an incident on Oct. 1 when police foiled a meeting between zechoslovak and Polish dissidents on the border between the \*O countries. Dr. Sabata, one of the three spokesmen for the Charter 777 human rights movement, has been in detention ever nce. The judgement is subject to automatic review. If confirmed application may be made for Dr. Sabata to serve an additional 8 months suspended for three years in 1976. He was freed then ter serving five years of a six-and-a-half year sentence for disdent activities.



Iran's new Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar, addressing the Majlis (lower bouse of parliament) in his bid for a vote of confidence for his cabinet. (AP wirephoto)

### Ousted leaders flee Cambodia

### New regime sets up people's republic

BANGKOK, Jan. 11 (R)--The new Vietnamese-backed regime in Phnom Penh today established the People's Republic of Kampuchea (Cambodia) as ousted Deputy Prime Minister Ieng Sary fled the country for China.

Mr. Sary -- possibly accompanied by President Khieu Samphan -- was believed to have been whisked out of a border town today by a Thai military helicopter and taken to Bangkok to catch a flight to Hong Kong.

A government spokesman in Hong Kong said Mr. Sary was stopping there briefly on his way to Peking.

There was no reliable information on the whereabouts of Prime Minister Pol Pot, who has variously been reported killed. already in Peking or still inside Kampuchea organising a guerrilla campaign.

The new regime in Phnom Penh, which says the Pol Pot government no longer exists, claimed in a statement broadcast by Radio Hanoi control of the whole country, but western diplomatic

sources in Bangkok said fighting was still going on. Insurgent forces took Phnom Penh last Sunday and set up an eight-man People's Revolutionary Council on Monday headed

by former Khmer Rouge Commander Heng Samrin. The new regime has so far been recognised by Vietnam, Laos, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and all the

Soviet bloc European countries except Romania. In Peking, the Chinese Foreign Ministry launched a diplomatic

offensive today in support of the displaced Pol Pot government as the U.N. Security Council prepared to debate the issue. Diplomatic sources quoted

ministry officials as telling diplomats called in during the day that the Pol Pot government faced a "temporary setback in the face of Vietnamese aggression," but that a people's war against the new regime would be waged in the Kampuchean countryside.

The United States was not called in today, but informed sources said there had been earlier contacts between the Chinese and the U.S. Liaison Office over the U.N. Security Council meeting. Sources added, however, that

the Chinese officials had been unable to clarify the present situation in Kampuchea. Meanwhile, the Security Coun-

cil was preparing today to open what was expected to be long and bitter debate on the situation in Kampuchea, following the apparent victory of Vietnamese-backed insurgents. The government they have set

up in Phnom Penh has not been recognised by the U.N. and its status is expected to be the first item for discussion by the 15member council.

Members will have to decide whether to permit Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who was sent by Chinese-supported Mr. Pot to present charges of Vietnamese "aggression" to the council, to

participate in the debate. Both the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, the Council's communist members, have recognised the authorities now in control of Phnom Penh and they oppose the Council's bearing Prince Sihanouk.

But he told reporters yesterday he was confident a majority would vote to allow him to present his case. He said he wants the Vietnamese to withdraw from Kampuchea and allow the communist state to solve its own problems.

### Obote breaks political silence

DAR ES-SALAAM, Jan. 11 (R)--Deposed Ugandan leader Milton Obote today broke eight years of political silence to call for rebellion against the rule of his successor. President Idi Amin.

"There is only one answer. It is a Uganda-wide rebellion," he said in a statement

ary, 1971, said Field Marshal against the Shah. Amin had sought for eight years to make Ugandans flee their country and "create widows and orphans by the thousands every year." But he said the Ugandan

leader's invasion of Northwest Tanzania last October had created a situation which could enable the people to rise up against him.

"His army is now in disarray. Many of his henchmen are now sending their wives, children and property out of Uganda.

Dr. Obote was toppled by Field Marshal Amin while he was attending a Commonwealth leaders' conference in Singapore. He has since lived quietly in exile in Dar Es-Salaam.

In his statement he accused President Amin of "institutionalised gangsterism" and said Uganda was entering the ninth year of a rule of terror.

"The country's economy and social services are near collapse. For every Ugandan inside that country, it is a tormenting, cruel and oppressive new year," he added.

The former president said the main force for change must come from within Uganda. He called for a "nation-wide resistance to be set up with cells in every town, village

the possible successors to the late

President Houari Boumedienne,

Mohammed Salah Yahiaoui,

today received strong support

from an influential youth congress

which demanded "revolutionary

Mr. Yahiaoui, manager of the

country's sole political party, the

National Liberation Front, told

the delegates, who chanted his

name to show their support, that

their meeting would make an

important contribution to the full

party congress, scheduled for Jan.

That congress will choose a suc-

Diplomats and observers said

that Mr. Yahiaoui, who as the

Boumedienne-appointed "execu-

tive secretary in charge of the

party apparatus" has just com-

pleted the preparation for the

party congress when the president

died, had now emerged clearly

from the behind-the-scenes power

But reliable sources said there

was still no final decision on who

would become president, and the

cessor to the late president, who

died here on Dec. 27.

struggle.

leadership" for Algeria.

## U.S. strongly supports decision

## Vance confirms Shah to leave Iran

WASHINGTON, Tehran, Jan. 11 (Agencies) -- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said today the Shah plans to leave Iran for a vacation abroad and that the United States strongly supported the decision. Mr. Vance told a news conference the Shah would appoint a regency council to take his place in the next

"We think it is a sound decision and we concur in that decision," he said in answer to questions. "I think the regency council will be named in the next few days."

Outlining policy towards Iran and its embattled leader after more than three decades of close alliance, Mr. Vance made clear the United States had made a major shift in its views and no longer saw the Shah playing a key role in Iran's future.

Instead, he said, the new civilian government led by Prime Minister Bakhtiar should be given every chance to succeed in ending the turmoil.

Meanwhile, Anti-Shah rioters set fire to secret police (Savak) headquarters in the southern city of Shiraz today after Prime Minister Bakhtiar announced that the hated organisation would be disbanded. Iran's official radio reported.

The broadcast said several people were injured in clashes that followed the attack by mobs who also damaged other buildings in the town. Demonstrators had earlier

stoned the U.S. consulate and lowered the American flag, the radio said. The violence erupted two days

after Dr. Bakhtiar had lifted martial law in Shiraz in his efforts to bring the country back to normal Dr. Obote, overthrown in Janu- after months of near-revolution The gradual lifting of martial

law and the dissolution of Savak are among the chief planks of Dr. Bakhtiar's policies, which he outlined to parliament earlier in the

The Prime Minister quickly issued a statement blaming "troublemakers" for the new violence in Shiraz. He said it had taken place despite appeals by the government and religious leaders to respect the lifting of martial law there.

And he warned that his government would "react severely" if anyone exploited the situation.

In his speech to parliament Dr. Bakhtiar urged public support for the armed forces and said Iran's sovereignty and integrity were threatened by a major international plot.

He added that Iran would cut oil supplies to South Africa and Israel and would support the Palestinian people's efforts to secure their legitimate rights.

The 63-year-old former opposition leader gave no details about the plot he mentioned, but at one point he said 190 Afghanis --"more or less armed" -- had been arrested during recent anti-Shah

Diplomats here saw Dr. Bakht-

met again yesterday to try to agree

Although the party congress is

responsible for naming a can-

didate to be confirmed in power

by a mid-February national elec-

tion, the council -- and the military

are regarded as having con-

The disputes between the var-

ious factions, which delayed the

ending of the congress today by a

day and a half, resulted in an

apparent success for the militant

wing-said to have Mr. Yahiaoui's

Mr. Yahiaoui, 56, is regarded as

Observers said there are indi-

cations that the party manager,

who has good Libyan connections,

has the active support of the

Soviet Union and other socialist

ably closest companion.

a staunch supporter of an Arab

and Moslem brand of socialism.

Yahiaoui emerges as

strong candidate to

succeed Boumedienne

ALGIERS, Jan. 11 (R)-One of ruling Council of the Revolution

on a nominee.

siderable influence.

#### iar's reference to those arrested as a possible warning to Afghanistan's five month-old pro-Soviet government and, indirectly, to the Kremlin against interference in Iran's internal problems.

At no time in his speech did Dr. Bakhtiar, a social democrat chosen by the Shah to resolve the country's grave political crisis... mention the monarch.

The Shah's departure from the country is generally regarded as essential to calming the situation But the royal palace has said the ruler will not take a holiday abroad--as he has said he wants to do -- until both houses of parliament give Dr. Bakhtiar's government a vote of confidence. The Premier's speech today began a debate which will end in such a vote, possibly next week.

in the only change to the cabinet list issued last Saturday. Dr. Bakhtiar presented staunchly royalist Gen. Jaafar Shafaqat as his new War Minister instead of Gen. Feridoun Jam. The Premier gave no reason for the change.

Gen. Shafaqat, 63, was the chief adjutant to the Shah before today's announcement. His appointment, and that of another staunch royalist, Gen. Abdol-Ali Badrei, as Commander of Ground imposed in 12 cities last Sep-Forces, was seen as reinforcing the tember, would be gradually Shah's hold over the armed forces. reduced.

Dr. Bakhtiar spoke of strengthening Iran's political, economic and cultural relations with Islamic nations, and of preserving and expanding relations with all coun-

Special emphasis would be put on relations with Iran's neighbours on the basis of mutual respect, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and coexistence. -

He announced the release of 68 prisoners serving life sentences. and said martial law, which was

### reluctant peace revive

United States, beavily preoccupied with Indochina and Iran, now seems reluctant to start new Middie East peace talks until Israel or Egypt demonstrates some new flexibility, well informed sources said today. Despite apparent keenness by

both Israel and Egypt to get back to the conference table, Washington appears to be in no hurry to risk another deadlock like the one which caused peace treaty talks to founder last month.

This is the view of well-placed sources in Jerusalem following the latest message relayed to Israel this week from Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil. The sources said that despite

some mild concessions approved by the Israeli cabinet, neither Egypt nor Israel has shown any substantial yielding on the main issue in dispute. This is Egypt's insistence -- and

Israel's refusal to entertain it -- on

linking the bilateral peace treaty with a timetable for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza. Despite all the difficulties, U.S. officials are believed to hope that some prospect of new talks, prob-

ably at foreign ministers level. may emerge in a week or two. The sources said American off:cials had made plain that the U.S. was willing to call new talks immediately if a prospect of success developed.

One foreign diplomat commented: "If the Israelis or the Egyptians have any concessions in mind they are keeping them close to the chest."

Despite these hesitations about resuming talks, the U.S. is believed anxious not to let the delay drag out too long for fear of eroding the gains made at last September's Camp David summit.

The sources said U.S. officials had been searching for new language to incorporate into formal letters accompanying the proposed peace treaty. The object of this language

would be to help shield Egypt against accusations of selling out the overall Palestinian cause, without making the treaty conditional on the immensely intricate problem of establishing Arab

Arab leaders in the West Bank The main alternative to Mr. Yahiaoui is seen as Mr. Abdelaziz and Gaza still reject the autonomy Bouteflika, the Foreign Minister plan and refuse to consider anysince 1963 who was thing less than full Palestinian Boumedienne's oldest and probstatehood.

Inside Israel, opposition to the

autonomy plan has been growing. The Labour Party, for instance, argues that autonomy must inevirably lead to creation of a Palestinian state intent on Israel's des-

Right wing nationalists in the coalition led by Prime Minister Menachem Begin resent any idea of improving Arab rights in a land which they believe God gave to the Jews. Mr. Begin's close aides have

been quietly issuing reassurances that autonomy will not mean removal of Israeli authority from the West Bank or from Gaza.

Although refusing to allow wildcat settlement by Jewish nationalists on Arab land, Mr. Begin and his ministers have promised that an official set-

tually be put in hand. Settlement moves and Israeli

been held partly responsible for the hardening in Egypt's position. On the other hand, the growing turmoil in Iran has provided new stimulus to Israel and Egypt to reach a settlement that would assist stability in the region. But this has not been strong enough to

utterances on the subject have

induce major concessions by Another effect of the Iranian crisis is to make Israel more keen on obtaining a side agreement. along with the treaty, about continued use of oil from the Gulf of Suez fields, which it would no longer control following the prop-

osed withdrawal from Sinai.

### Israel shows 'mixed feelings' on F-15 deployment in Saudi

(R)--Israeli officials admitted to mixed feelings today over the U.S. decision to deploy a fighter squadron in Saudi Arabia.

Washington announced yesterday that a dozen F-15 fighters would be sent to Saudi Arabia as a demonstration of the continuing close relationship between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. and of our interest in the security of the reg-

It followed statements by Washington officials on Tuesday that U.S. navy vessels had entered the Indian Ocean. Both moves were interpreted by

observers as underscoring American concern over developments in the Gulf at a time of continuing unrest in Iran. One Israeli official told Reuters

that Israel had been informed in advance of the aircraft deployment in Saudi Arabia and that it was being made at Saudi request and for a short period. "But these temporary arrange-

ments have a habit of becoming permanent and of veering off into new directions," the official said.

Recalling sharp Israeli objections to Washington's decision last year to supply aircraft to the Saudis in 1982, the official expressed the hope that the present deployment would not lead to an American move to give Saudi Arabia the promised planes at an earlier date.

But the official said the American action was a warning to potential troublemakers in the region to

tread carefully. Another official saw the Ameri-

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 can naval and air moves as demonstrations that America intended to protect its friends. "But it is too bad that it came rather late," he

> He said Israel questioned the stationing of American warplanes in Saudi Arabia "because we are still in a state of war with the Saudis who persist in their extreme hostility to Israel." Normally, aircraft carriers are

> used for show-the-flag purposes. U.S. officials could not recall offhand when the United States had previously sent planes on such a mission. In addition to the fighters, sev-

> eral transport planes will fly nearly 300 support personnel to the Saudi capital of Riyadh, where the F-15s will stay for a short period of

The ground staff will include engine, electronics, and hydraulic specialists, as well as general mechanics, cooks and medical personnel, a Pentagon spokesman

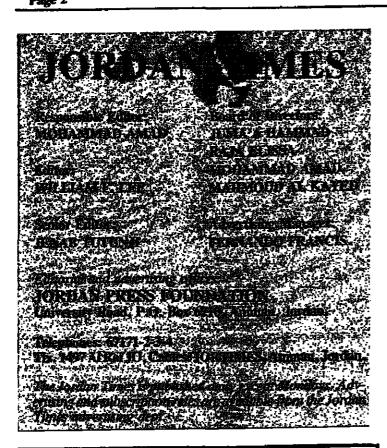
Included in the 12-plane squadron will be four or five two-seater F-15 trainers, which will be used to take Saudi Air Force personnel and government officials on demonstration flights, the Pentagon said.

Israel has objected strenuously in the past to the \$2.5 billion sale of 60 F-15s to the Saudis on the grounds that the fighters would be a serious military threat based in northern Saudi Arabia

U.S. officials, however, have assured Israel that the Saudis had

ten of

no plans to station their F-15s in the north.



### Who the price?

The Camp David peace process is close to coming unstuck. Not only are the events in Iran having a contradictory effect on the attitudes of Egypt, Israel and the U.S. towards proceeding with the push to sign a treaty, but Israel's determination to wreck not only the peace moves made to date, but also the future prospects for a settlement, is becoming so painfully obvious as to be perceptible even as far away as Washington.

The latest stumbling block: the question of the price tag which Israel has attached to its signing of a treaty. Israel wants -- nay, expects -- the U.S. to foot the bill for its withdrawal from the occupied territories, and has itemised the account as follows: \$3 billion for evacuating settlements in Sinai; \$4 billion for dismantling air bases in the Naqab \$3 billion for building new "defence lines" in the Nagab and elsewhere. Grand total: \$10 billion.

American taxpayers are not taking kindly to the idea. especially when their government is telling them about the coming year of austerity. One U.S. newspaper called the Israeli demand "preposterous" and bluntly editorialised:

Of course, the U.S. is also going to be expected to cushion its other client, Egypt, against the bumps and shocks resulting from a peace treaty. And to rearm the Egyptians. as well as the Israelis.

The end result will be two U.S. protectorates in the Middle East with Washington supporting them both economically and militarily for years to come. And the main questions we must ask are: will the implantation of this U.S.-defended fortress in the Middle East bring peace to our region? Can Israel's neighbours be expected to look kindly on this monstrous condominium in our midst? Will it hasten the return of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty, or get the Palestinians their national rights?

We don't think so. And we think it is about time to take full account of Israel's crude arrogance, to marshal Arab strengths to regain what can be salvaged of the momentum towards peace, and to try again, through other channels, before it is too late.

### ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on what it calls the hot winds now blowing in the Far East, Al Ra'i editorially Thursday says the "violent events taking place in Indochina between Soviet supported Vietnam and Chinese supported Cambodia is a kind of tug-of-war between the two superpowers.

The newspaper says that according to western observers, what is now happening in Cambodia represents Moscow's reaction towards the recent Sino-American detente.

"But what interests us in particular, is the strength of the wind blowing from the Far East towards the Middle East, and the order in which our fateful issue is listed among the priorities in which the superpowers are urgently concerned," the newspaper writes.

AL DUSTOUR pays tribute to the U.S. government's stand in maintaining that Jerusalem is a city outside the borders of Israel. This was revealed in official publications of the State Department which raised angry protests by the Zionist lobby in the U.S. Congress. The American position towards Jerusalem was in faithful keeping with the American government's declared policy of non-recognition of Jerusalem as capital of Israel, which calls for appreciation and support by all the Arabs, the newspaper writes.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

### Puppet Theatre

The Damascus Pupper Theatre presents a one-hour show in Arabic entitled "Jamileh and the Fox" at the Haya Arts Centre. The show will be presented three times starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Haya Arts Centre.

### French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film Rene Allio entitled "Les camisards" at 7:30 p.m. French version with subtitles in

## Merchant banking institutions add new dimension to Jordan's banking scene

By Rami G. Khouri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 11--The recent flurry of development in the country's banking and finance sector continues unabated this month with the anticipated start of operations of the country's newest banking institution, the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan), and the rapid development of services offered by the country's only other merchant-banking-type company, the Arab Jordan investment Bank.

In interviews with the Jordan Times, senior officials of both institutions stressed that the time has come for the provision of sophisticated financial services to Jordanian companies and investors such as the country has never enioved before, and that the continuing rapid growth of the Jordanian economy as a whole, with its parallel industrialisation. requires the kinds of services that the commercial banks are unable or unwilling to offer.

Dr. Khalil Salem, a former Central Bank of Jordan Governor and recently ambassador to Paris, is the "representative of the founders", as he terms himself, in Jordan of the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan) though others involved in the project to get the AFC (Jordan) off the ground more candidly call him "the promoter". If he lacks a proper title, however, he does not appear to lack a vision of what his company's role will be within the Jordanian banking scene.

"There's something obviously missing in the Jordanian banking and finance structure," Dr. Salem says, "and we aim to help fill that gap by offering our merchant banking services with a special emphasis on underwriting of securities. We mean to specialise in

of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs.

lation of over 600 million people.

mercial centre.

the sources said.

Jordan to experiment

with new "income bonds"

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 11--Two Jordanian banking institutions are

working closely with the government and the Jeddah-based Islamic

Development Bank to come up with a pioneering new means of

raising investment capital without offending the Islamic prohibition

of usury, or the use of fixed interest payments, in lending money.

Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan), both of which are on the

verge of opening their doors for business, have agreed to work

together in organising and then jointly underwriting an issue of

'income bonds" to finance the construction of a large commercial

building complex being built in downtown Amman by the Ministry

interest rate on the amount of bonds purchased, the buyer of the

income bonds would get a share of the profits generated by the

project being financed by the bond issue-in this case, the com-

The idea for the new bonds was discussed here earlier this week in

a meeting grouping senior officials of the Jordan Islamic Bank and

the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan), the governor of the Cen-

tral Bank, the minister of finance and the visiting head of the

Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank, among others. The idea

was approved in principle and the government is now preparing

"the legal background on the mechanics and form of the bonds,"

They added that an initial bond issue of between JD 3-4 million is

expected to be floated in April or May of this year, to test the

reception it would get in Jordan. If successful here, the concept of

income bonds could have widespread implications for raising cupital throughout the world's Islamic states, with a combined popu-

The initial bond issue is also expected to be a ten-year one, with a

grace period of two years to cover the time required to build the

commercial centre. The sources added that the feasibility studies for

the income bonds concept indicated an investor would make at least

as much as the eight percent interest now available on the gov-

ernment's ten-year development bonds, and in most cuses, if the

investments are prudently chosen, could make an even greater

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Unlike a normal bond, for which an investor receives a fixed

Banking sources here say that the Jordan Islamic Bank and the

this, particularly in underwriting new bonds and shares for Jor-

tianian companies." The AFC (Jordan) will have a capital of JD 2 million, which was oversubscribed when subscriptions for it closed at the end of December. It is anticipated that most of the capital will be held by Jordanian individuals and institutions, though part of it will also be held by sister companies in the Arab Finance Group to which AFC (Jordan) belongs. The Arab Finance Group includes such institutions as the Paris-based Al Saudi Bank. Arab Finance Corp. (Int.) and the Arab Real Estate Finance and Investment Co. of Luxembourg. Arab Finance Corp. SAL of Beirut, Lebanon. Union Bank of the Middle East of Dubai. and the Saudi Finance Corporation (Saudifin) of Geneva. Switzerland, to mention only some of the members. AFC (Jordan) will hold its first shareholders

meeting on Jan. 25 We can and will draw on the resources of some of our sister institutions." Dr. Salem said. including personnel to staff local operation fully at the start of operations next month

The AFC (Jordan) will deal in the full range of traditional merchant banking work, including foreign exchange, loan syndications, short-term paper such as certificates of deposit, overnight and commercial bills, buying and selling securities on the Amman stock exchange, managing "investment accounts" which would be formulated using baskets of international currencies and a negotiated minimum yield. investing in real estate developments, providing finance for local companies and projects, and working with other institutions to arrange international loans for Jordanian clients, Dr. Salem said.

He said the license of his kind of bank allows it to accept deposits for periods of six months or more. and as such it will not offer what is known as retail banking services. or everyday checking and savings accounts that are the staple of the country's commercial banks.

#### The Arab Jordan **Investment Bank**

In this respect the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan) will follow in the footsteps of the pioneer in Jordanian investment banking, the six-month-old Arab Jordan Investment Bank, the first such institution to be opened in the country, and now operating out of its headquarters on the sixth floor of the Housing Bank building near Abdali.

Mr. Jawad Hadid. Deputy General Manager of the Arab Jordan Investment Bank (AJIB), told the Jordan Times that "wholesale commercial banking, instead of retail banking, will be our main business, with a focus on taking in fixed-term deposits and providing medium- and long-term loans to

Jordanian and Arab companies." Mr. Hadid, who effectively manages the bank's day-to-day operations (because the Chairman and General Manager of AJIB. Mr. Abdulkadir Al Oadi, is permanently based in Oatar, where he is Director of Financial Affairs of the Qatari Ministry of Finance and Petroleum), said his company would concentrate on credits of up to ten years, something that has been unheard of for Jordanian banks until now, because the commercial banks rely exclusively on short-term deposits and equally short-term lending, he

This is beginning to change slightly, as evidenced by the participation of several local banks in the six-year syndicated loans to the cement company and the new lime and silicate bricks factory earlier this month.

The AJIB has already led the way in Jordanian participation in long-term financing (if one excludes the Arab Bank's international lending activity through its European-based sister institutions) by taking part in the recent international syndications for the Jordanian fertiliser company and the Oatar Steel Company. In fact. AJIB was one of the co-managers of the fertiliser company's \$70 million credit.

"Our aim is to skip European or international intermediation in providing loans to Jordanian or adding that he thought there were good prospects for lending to Jordanian projects in the fields of mining, industry, tourism, agriculture and construction.

"We'd like to get involved in some of the jumbo loans being organised these days (loans hundreds of millions of dollars in size)." Mr. Hadid said. "but we will concentrate first on the development and financing of the industrial sector in Jordan, with its many new expanding projects."

He indicated that the AJIB would provide loans as small as JD 50,000, partly in a bid to diversify its loan portfolio, and he also said that a ceiling of about JD 350,000 would be observed on local loans in general. This is not an ironclad rule, however, he said, pointing out that the minimum participation in the fertiliser company loan was \$3 million, or about JD 1 million.

The AJIB will also offer a whole range of sophisticated financial services, including, as Mr. Hadid rattled them off, a corporate finance department, cash-flow projections, feasibility studies to assess a horrower's status, foreign exchange dealings, portfolio management, project cost estimations, bonds and financial paper, and securities handled on the Amman stock exchange. The bank has already accepted securities to be held on a trust basis for clients, Mr. Hadid revealed.

He suggested that the market for corporate bonds in Jordan will develop quickly with the lifting of the previous law giving the government bonds a tax exemption privilege while denying this to private corporate bonds, and he thought his company would be active in developing this sector of the banking arena.

He also suggested that the Central Bank should gradually lift all the remaining foreign exchange regulations in the country. to allow market forces to shape the form of the money market here.

"Existing foreign exchange rules help restrict the outflow of money, so we have two parallel markets in the country-the official market of the Central Bank and the commercial banks, and the other market composed of the money changers, through whom money comes and goes freely.

There is no need to fear an outflow of capital from Jordan, because, in fact, there is already a greater intlow of capital into the country than there is an outflow." Mr. Hadid said.

He noted, however, that the Central Bank has been following a careful, gradualist policy in removing foreign exchange controls, and he suggested this should be continued so that banking institutions here can be more active in regional lending on a large scale.

(Indeed, the Central Bank appears to agree with Mr. Hadid. As Central Bank Governor Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi last week told the Jordan Times, the regulations on foreign exchange dealings of investment banking institutions in Jordan--as these relate to credits outside the country--have been relaxed, precisely to give Jordanian merchant banks a greater flexibility in play-

ing a regional role). The Arab Jordan Investment Bank has an authorised and paid-up capital of JD 5 million, which is significantly higher than the capitalisation of most other banks in the country, something that should give it a good advantage in dealing in longer term lending. It is held by a combination of Jordanian and Arab institutions and individuals, with 60 percent of the equity held by non-Jordanian Arabs. Among these are the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, the Arab Investment Company (Riyadh), the Libvan Arab Bank for Foreign Trade, the Oatar National Bank and the National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia.

#### New investment bank

The investment banking scene will probably expand further during the coming year with the anticipated formation of yet another institution to deal exclusively in underwriting of securities and capital market operations. This is the investment bank that is being encouraged jointly by the Central Bank of Jordan and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank affiliate.

Two rounds of talks have been held in Amman between Jordanian and IFC officials during the past six months, and the Central Bank is now getting together the local institutions and individuals who would invest in the as yet undetermined capital of the new bank. The likelihood is that if the investment bank gets the formal go-ahead soon, it could open its doors late this year or early in Arab clients," Mr. Hadid said. 1980. One established investment bank from Europe or North America and the IFC itself would both also take minority shareholdings in the new company, according to IFC officials.

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TUESDAY, January 16: The Goethe Institute presents a film entitled "Strohfeuer" by Volker Schlondorff at 8:00 p.m. Subtitles in English.

THURSDAY, January 18: The Goethe Institute continues its series of children's films this week with "Mijnheer Hat Lauter Toechter' by Volker Vogeler. The film starts at 4:30 p.m. and is in German only.

#### **LECTURES**

SATURDAY, January 13: The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Engineering and Technology of the University of Jordan, presents a series of lectures by Prof. Udo Kultermann. The lectures take place at the University as follows: On Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the Dept. of Architecture, a lecture entitled "The Bauhaus in the Focus of Interest of Cultural and Political Discussion"; on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., same place, a lecture on "Architecture and Its Expression of Political Power since the Thirties"; on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Professional Associations Complex, Engineering Section, a lecture on "Contemporary Architecture in the Arab Countries."

Prof. Kultermann will also hold a meeting with students and professors at the Dept. of Architecture at the University for a discussion on architecture.

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The sectors into which Amman municipality is divided

streets of the capital told reporters at press conference here

Dr. Abu Jaber, who is also the dean of the Faculty of. Economics and Commerce at the University of Jordan, explained that the plaques will bear the names of Muslim and Arab leaders and thinkers and nman have been received, the names of a number of Palestine and Jordanian villages in which historic events took

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Dr. Kamel Abu Jaher Thursday chairs a meeting of the committee in charge of naming the streets of the capital.

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## Five companies contemplate entry into lucrative Jordanian

pharmaceutical industry

By Ian Kellas Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- Inspired by the success of Jordan's Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. (APM), no less than five other firms have decided to join in the medicine-making business in Jor-

According to Royal Scientific Society (RSS) report on the pharmaceutical industry here. local producers met 16 per cent of the domestic demand for medicaments in 1975. But Mr. Saher Bushnaq, who runs a pharmacy on Jabal Luweibdeh, told the Jordan Times that where APM has goods on the market, he sells five times more of them than of equivalent imported brands. He says APM pharmaceuticals tend to be cheaper, more promptly delivered, and of high quality. APM salesmen are very active in lobbying doctors and pharmacists, he

Potential rivals of APM concede that the company is well run, and recognise that it will be difficult to compete with in the short term. But they see other reasons for the success of the company which claims to be the most profitable in the country and which has grown at a consistent rate of about 30 per cent over the past decade. "APM got into the market early on," Fuad Simaan, Production Manager of Lifepharma Jordan, declares.

"There is just one reason for its success," Dr. Yousef Hawamdeh, the Jordan agent for Scierlabs. says "the Ministry of Health takes most of its medicine from APM."

But although APM does get big orders from the government and the army, 80 per cent of its sales are in exports. Moreover, according to Dr. Subhy Tieby, APM Managing Director, the company

National News:

Roundup

Jordanian-Syrian committee to discuss civil aviation

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (JNA) -- A joint Jordanian-Syrian committee will

meet in Damascus on Sunday to discuss civil aviation matters of

concern to both countries. The two sides are also expected to look

into the work of joint committees that carry out coordination in civil

aviation between the two countries, Sharif Ghazi Rakan, Civil Aviation Director General and head of the Jordanian side, said today. He

expected the two sides to discuss subjects connected with reactivating

the work of the regional committee for civil aviation which includes

Jordan. Syria, Iraq and Lebanon and which is due to convene in

Baghdad sometime next month. Sharif Ghazi expressed hope that

the four-party committee will reach agreement on the unification of

civil aviation and air navigation regulations among the four states

Prime Ministry urges Arbor Day support

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (JNA) -- An official communique by the

prime minister's office today urged government officials,

public institutions and schools to take part in ceremonies to be

held on Monday, Jan. 15 on the occasion of Arbor Day.

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gets no government protection and does not want any. Like most other local industries, however, it apparently pays little duty on imported raw materials, and only

very low export tariffs. . The Department of Pharmacy and Supplies at the Ministry of Health has the right to fix the price of drugs being marketed in Jordan, and in doing so it may take into account the price of locallyproduced medicines. But there is no evidence that this necessarily

works to the advantage of APM. The department allows all pharmaceutical companies -- foreign or local -- to charge their cus-. tomers in Jordan 48 to 64 per cent above the invoice price. As Dr. Tieby puts it: "The high profitability of the pharmaceutical. business is not unique to Jordan."

So how is it that local manufacturers can hope to compete with the giant Western drug companies operating in the region? There are reports that some of the firms working out of Western Europe face heavy overhead costs and cannot readily expand to meet the growing demand in the east. "I think that the most important factor is time," Mr. Simaan told the Jordan Times. Delivery times in the pharmaceutical business are very important, he added.

Jordan has an advantage marketing in the Middle East, because of local knowledge of the areas, and because--as a member of the Arab Common Market--its products often subject to preferential import duties in neighbouring countries. The Saudi Arabian government when making contracts will reportedly give precedence to Arab producers.

In earlier days it was Beirut which apparently led the field in the regional pharmaceutical bus-iness. "But Beirut now? ...It's dead," declared Dr. Hawamdeh.

involved with three industrial projects in Jordan. Inefficiency and its the sting out of Egypt's pharmaceutical export thrust according to pharmacists here. The Gulf countries with their extreme cli-

mate and high overhead costs are thought to be less attractive as an export base than Jordan, and new factories set up in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are believed to be performing indifferently. Finance does not seem to be a

problem for most of the firms planning to set up factories in Jordan. One of them, the Jordan Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Co., is to be run on Islamic lines, according to General Manager Mohammad Kaddoumi, so private capital will be relied on rather than commercial loans. Another firm--with a planned capital of about JD

500,000 -- is also privately owned. Nor is labour apparently a serious headache. According to Dr. Kaddoumi, who is also an official of the Pharmaceutical Association, there are 480 fully qualified pharmacists in Jordan--about as many proportionately as there are in the U.K.--and at least that many abroad. Labour costs are reported to be a fairly low proportion of operating expenses so companies can afford to pay their employees competitive salaries.

The RSS report calculated that by 1985, total demand for pharmaceuticals in Jordan would reach about JD 10 million. And according to the Arab Economic Unity Council, demand within the Arab countries as a whole will be around the \$2 billion mark within seven years. "Therefore good opportunities exist for the expansion and establishment of pharmaceutical industries in Jordan," the RSS report concluded.

At least five times in Jordan seem to agree with these conclusions. The biggest plans are those of APM itself, which intends to invest up to JD 15 million over the coming seven years.

But there are also some new firms coming into the business. Lifepharma Jordan-a joint venture with an Italian firm--plans to go into production some time in January at its new factory close to the Wadi Seer crossroads. The company will have an initial capacity of about 200,000 tablets a day. according to Production Manager. Fuad Simaan. "We can't survive just on the Jordanian market". But the company already has some contracts from the Gulf states, he added.

Dar Al Dawa is also apparently **Duilding** a factory which is scheduled to come into operation early this year. And on the site next door to it, at Na ur the Jordan Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Co. Ltd., is scheduled to start production in September 1979. Like most of the other companies this one is likely to operate on an initial capital of around JD

who is an agent for a Lebanese 0.5 million. It's General Manager. company, but also closely Dr. Mohammad Kaddoumi, said that the firm expected to manufacture about 20 brand name vast domestic market have taken products in areas such as chemotherapeutics, anticholenergies and analgesies. He hopes to export to Syria and Iraq where APM already has large sales-- to the Gulf and Africa. Some time this year Dr. Yousef

Hawamdeh hopes that a privately-owned company of which he is a member--probably to be called Islamic Pharmacists--will start producing disposable syringes and medical infusions. Dr. Hawamdeh is also negotiating with an Italian pharmaceutical manufacturer which is interested in establishing a factory in Jordan, Framesi, the cosmetics producers, he said, are also 'determined to set up in Jordan' in the foreseeable future.

Whether or not all these proects get off the ground, remains to be seen. But in any case they represent the kind of industry which the government seems particularly keen to encourage at the moment: highly technical, apital-intensive, export-oriented ight industries which make use of Jordan's skilled manpower and geographical location. And they perhaps indicate a growing readiness on the part of Jordan's private businessmen to venture out of commerce and into man-

### RSS research seminar ends

AMMAN, Jan. 11 -- A seminar on the management of scientific research, organised jointly by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), ended here today. The five-day seminar, designed as a workshop for the exchange of experiences among Arab research organisations was the first of its kind to be held in the Arab World

Other topics of discussion were the relations of research institutions' with industry, project management, personnel policies, project cost control, problems associated with manpower and training and the selecting of priorities in research projects.

Dr. Fakhredinne Al Daghestani. Deputy Director of the RSS, said that participants expect to hold similar seminars in the near

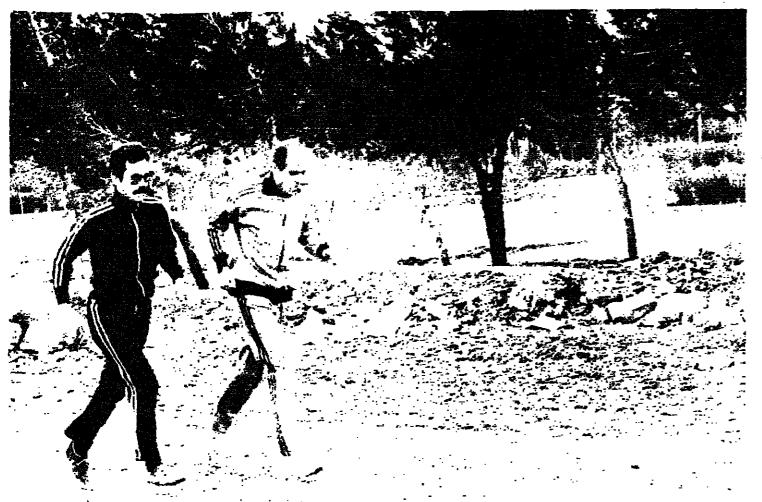
The seminar was attended by experts from the Iraqi Foundation for Research, the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, the University of Kuwait, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, the Saudi Arabian National Centre for Science and Technology and the RSS, Also participating were two experts from the Denver Research Institute of the United States.

### Clubs, Societies, **Sports** Groups-let us know what you are doing

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The Jordan Times will publish free listings on the day of the event.



Chris (right) 4½ years old, and Bobby, almost 3, keep their father company while be polishes off a plate of rice for breakfast. His wife said, "He eats unbelievable amounts of food, enough to make any of us mere mortals gain ounds just looking at it. Shall I tell you what he ate for dinner the other night? Seven baked potatoes, aside from meat and vegetables." Mr. Starrett is unsympathetic with people who go on diets to lose weight. If people want to lose weight, his reasoning goes, they should run.

Sam Starrett is running with Christopher Smith of CARE. They would like to get in touch with other running enthusiasts in Jor-



The Starretts set off for an afternoon walk. When the weather is good, Mr. Starrett customarily takes his sons for a three-mile walk. Hawa, the family's saluki, was born in Bahrain of distinguished ancestory. She runs faster than her master, but whether or not she has his three-hours' endurance while running is not

known, has never been tested.

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The only equipment required for running is a good pair of shoes. San Starrett's Nike shoes have taken him nearly 2500 miles and he expectto continue wearing them for a considerable time. He said, "You'v got to have the best shoes-anything less than that and you can wind up with foot problems, ankle problems, knee problems."

## ing for the fun of it

Text and photos by Marianne Pearson Special to the Jordan Times

Mr. Samuel Starrett is chief of the Economic Commercial Section of the U.S. Embassy. In private life he is a runner. He doesn't set himself up as an authority on running. He just runs.

"I began when I was just turning 40 and decided I should do something," he said. The streets of Falls Church, Virginia, where he lived were edged with joggers. It is an in-thing. At first he was a jogger. He ran a short distance once a

The distinction between jogging and running is not clear-cut. The jogger's pace is likely to be about 8 to 10 minutes a mile and a runner's about 612 minutes a mile. Olympic runners, however, would consider 61/2 a jogging pace.

The jogger has an ulterior motive--to stay in shape, to lose weight, to build up his heart. The runner, on the other hand, runs for the sheer joy of it. A runner is not interested in physical conditioning, because he has all the conditioning he needs.

Mr. Starrett switched from being a jogger to being a runner about a year and a half ago when he decided he wanted to run

When he became serious about unning he started with 40 mil week, although he walked many of those miles. He soon tound he could run all of them and moved up to 50 miles a week. Now heruns a little over 10 miles a day. averaging about 75 miles a week.

"After a while, it's easier to run than not to run. It doesn't take will power. Running is highly addictive. You get up on a rainy day and it's more painful to sit inside and watch it rain than to go running in the rain." he said. He comes back soaked to the skin and satisfied.

He said that routes for running are infinitely varied around Amman, "Once you get about two miles out of town you're on back roads which are really beautiful. It's better in the dry season--there are certain dut tracks that I can't take now. But there are still any number of well-paved roads. On

weekends I drive into the countryside, park, and run." he said. These days he starts running about 5:15 a.m. which is "cool." but pleasant." During the summer in the hot weather he would go out

at 4:30 a.m. which, even then, was

cool at that hour. He feels that morning is the only time I have. mornings are not necessarily the. The best time to run has to be best times to run. He said, "Your when you have the time," body probably just isn't ready to Mr. Starrett said, "Jordan has

go from being sound asleep impressive running. The air is directly to running. I would prefer clean and free of pollutants. The

in this weather to run at noon. But temperature in the early morning

riding in an automobile over the same route. But you can still miss things, because you're moving fast. I've walked over the same routes that I've run and seen things I've missed because I was concentrating on running." But he said that he has seen a Nabatean watchtower and other ruins that aren't on maps, by running across fields and up and down roads.

He often sees the same people in the country and they exchange greetings, "They are a little surprised to see a runner, I guess. It's almost impossible to run by a bedouin house without being invited in to have tea." he said.

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way you see things, compared with

"It's absolutely different the

months we've been here.

Dogs in the country are another matter. "We've learned to live with each other," he said. "I know how fast they can run, and they know how far I can throw a stone. I get a lot of upper body exercise throwing stones at dogs. We get along all right."

Running in the country you enjoy the cenery and enjoy being yourself, feeling a part of the nature around you. The sunrises in Jordan are beautiful, he said, and he hasn't missed one in several months.

Another pleasure of running is ompeting in races. On trips to the Philippines and London he has enjoyed participating in races and meeting other runners there. (It seems to be a particularised aristocraey.) Last spring he lined up with 6,000 others to run in the Boston Marathon.

"This is a real ego-trip for the runners and the crowd," he said, The Boston Globe said there were a million spectators, certainly a large crowd for an amateur sporting event. They line at least the last half of the 26 miles five or ten people deep, all the way into town. In most marathons your starting position is determined by your qualifying time. The fastest runners are in front. It took four minutes after the starting gun before I started running. I came out with a respectable time for somebody with my length of time

in running marathons--I was somewhere in the first half."
He thinks Jordan would be an "absolutely perfect" place for a

marathon. Many back roads with a packed dirt surface are just right for running. A good route might be from Amman to Mount Nebo. In preparation for the 1980 Olympies it would be good for a large number of people to participate in running, from schools and clubs, and individuals. He thinks that it is probably more important to get a broad base of people interested in running than to concentrate on a few good runners. He would enjoy meeting people interested in running and competing with them.

His wife Elfi said, "Ask him about the runner's high." "I've never felt it." he said. ("That's because he's always high," she put in.) "But there's a strange, unusual feeling. You have to be moving fast and over a long distance to feel it. You feel you could go on for 20 or 30 miles at that same speed--usually about 61/2 minutes a mile. You're not running so fast that it's taking away your breath. I think it's physiological. Your body is burning up calories at exactly the right rate and everything is functioning properly. Some people attribute a mystical significance to it. I think it's more like an automobile engine with a carburetor set at

exactly the right mixture." He feels runners have exceptionally good mental health. "There is no question they are more...

"Masochistic," his wife said. "Call it what you want, but they are more healthy mentally than their non-running counterparts, Psychiatrists would like to find out why, but runners never consult them. There is a psychiatrist in California who takes his patients

running for therapy at \$50 an hour. It does him good, anyway," He said that he wouldn't discourage anyone from trying running, "I think it's self-limiting, If you can't do it, you immediately find out and quit. But a lot of people don't realize they can do it. It doesn't require much coordination, like team sports. It's

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Mr. Starrett enjoys reading The Complete Book of

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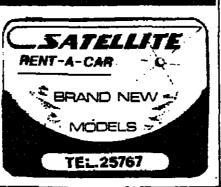


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the readers. "The beauty of running is you don't

need anyone to tell you what to do," he said.

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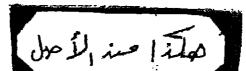
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U.S. stumped on how to quit smoking WASHINGTON, Jan. 11

(AP)-in another 15 years, the U.S. Government hopes it can tell people how to quit smoking-and how to avoid getting hooked in the first place. For now, it admits, it does not know what works. 7although there seem to be some

There have been a number of improvements, particularly with the introduction of hehavioural techniques, said Dr. Ovide Pemericau, one of the authors of the latest U.S. surgeon general's report on smoking and health.

.... Among those techniques, he cited one in which smokers inhale a pull every six seconds, keeping it up until they can't take any more But that idea has drawbacks for

some smokers--such as heart forward to the new report, is that patients--and doesn't always work despite all efforts, more young found anything close to a final

answer, Dr. Pomerleau said. The report, officially released today, said, "It is hoped that in another 15 years we will not have

to say, 'we still don't know what The problem, as set out by

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: A strange day and even-

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more cooperative in a project or it goes in the

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Your work load may

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anyway. Researchers haven't people are taking up smoking now than before. Ninety per cent of the people who smoke "have either tried to quit smoking or would probably quit, if only they could find an effective way to do so."

According to latest surgeon general's report

The voluminous report, contpiled by Surgeon General Julius Richmond and released on the Health, Education and Welfare 15th anniversary of the first such Secretary Joseph Califano in his report, says a wide variety of anti-

smoking programmes has been conducted in schools in recent vears.

"Yet, even with the vast proliferation of programmes, we still do not know what kinds of educational experiences are effective in keeping young people from moving from merely experimenting with eigarettes to becoming habitual smokers," the report

There are few experiments that compare various special treatments to determine which ones work, and those that do "usually compare a programme in which something takes place with one where nothing takes place--or, more likely, where nothing is known about what takes place," it sud.

The report called for the immediate launching of research programmes to determine how to

convince students not to smoke. Dr. Pomerleau, who wrote a chapter on the habit of smoking, noted that this is the first surgeon general's report to include a section on the use of behavioural techniques to help people stop smoking.

"The next one will be considerably more optimistic." he predicted in a telephone inter-

The chapter on the smoking habit reported that fewer than one in seven smokers who try to quit using traditional, non-behavioural

techniques succeed in kicking the habit over the long term.

The use of behavioural techniques in the last five years has doubled the percentage of long-term abstainers, said Dr. Pomerleau, who heads the Center for Behavioural Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. But he conceded, "The numbers are still pretty small,"

Dr. Pomerleau said he and his associates in Philadelphia have developed a technique that involves careful monitoring of the factors that lead people to light up. gradual interference with the smoking pattern and a reduction of the number of eigarettes smoked until the smoker is asked to quit about a month into the programme. There are repeated follow-up sessions during the course of a year.

But even the most advanced techniques have a long-term success rate of only 33 per cent, which the report said leaves "considerable room for improvement."

"With all of the effort we have made, there's still something very basic we don't understand." said Dr. Pomericau, himself a nonsmoker. "That is the underlying physiological mechanism involved in smoking. There seems to be a biological change in a smoker which makes his behaviour particularly resistant to mod-

## **GOREN BRIDGE**

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> If West held both the king of spades and ace of clubs, the contract would be defeated, so declarer had to presume that East held one of those cards. In addition, West's entry had to be attacked first. Since it seemed a toss-up as to which black suit to play, declarer elected to lead the ace and jack of spades.

West won the king and, had he meekly continued with a heart, declarer would have romped home after forcing out the ace of clubs. But West realized that hearts offered no future, so he continued with a third spade. Declarer was doomed. When East got in with the ace of clubs, he had two more

spades to cash for down one. Declarer guessed right when he lead a spade. Unforinimum balanced hand, lead, declarer can unblock the ace of spades and drive out the ace of clubs while still retaining an entry to dummy, and nine tricks are there for the taking.

### Saudi Arabia, U.S. plan joint industrial venture

JEDDAH, Jan. (1 (R) - Saudi and American interests are to operate Saudi Arabia's industrial gas installations under a joint venture, it was reported yesterday.

Saudi Gazette said Union Carbide and Abdullah Hashim Establishment (AHE) will enter the industrial gas business on a 25-75 basis respectively.

It added that Union Carbide will also be general manager of the new venture. Carbide Hashim Industrial Gases Company Gazette concluded.

(CHINCO), which will incorporate and operate the holdings of the AHF Industrial Gas Division. The AHE owns and operates five air separation plants in Jeddah. Riyadh and Dammam, the newspaper said.

It said that the headquarters of the joint venture would be in Dammam in the oil-rich eastern province of Saudi Arabia. CHINCO was expected to meet 50 per cent of the country's industrial gas requirements, Saudi

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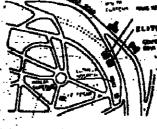
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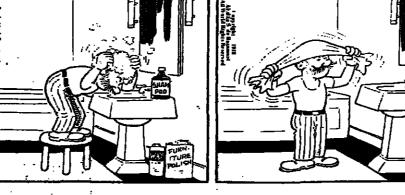
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## SALT progress has not been sufficient schedule summit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)-The United States and Soviet Union have made some progress on remaining issues for a new Stratetic Arms Limitation treaty since last month's sessions in Geneva, but not enough to schedule a summit meeting, American sources say.

One is the Soviet desire, raised

The sources, who requested anonymity, said continuing talks in Geneva and Washington have cleared away some of the problems that prevented Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko from completing the agreement in Geneva last month. Mr. Vance has met twice in the last week with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin on SALT.

There are at least two unresolved issues the American sources say must be concluded before there can be a summit meeting between President Jimmy Curter and Soviet President late in the Geneva talks, to ban the multiple-warhead Cruise missile. While the United States does not have such a weapon and does not plan to deploy one before the proposed treaty's 1985 expiration, it is unwilling to agree to a ban which might be a precedent affecting future SALT agree-Another unresolved issue is the

complex question of timing involving the agreement's protocol and the dismantling of Soviet missiles. The protocol, which hans the

testing of Cruise missiles launched from the ground and the sea as well as of mobile missiles, is sup-

escaped unhurt in what police

regarded as an assassination

The two attackers opened fire

as several Kurds left a block of

flats in a Vienna suburb after a

Mr. Barazani, who staved

meeting with Mr. Barazani.

### Suspect held in attempted murder of Kurdish leader

attempt.

VIENNA, Jan. 11 (R)--Austrian police said today they were holding a suspect in the attempted murder of Kurdish nationalist leader Masoud Barazani.

The man was identified as the driver of a car in which two unknown assailants escaped on Monday night after shooting two of Mr. Barazani's exiled Kurdish friends.

Police refused to reveal the nationality of the driver, who was arrested yesterday, and said he was still being questioned.

Mr. Barazani, 32, son of the legendary Kurdish nationalist chief Mullah Mustapha Barazani,

world, yesterday conferred a high

Philippines order on visiting Som-

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Dr. Barre arrived here two days

ago on a three-day visit during

which he is being briefed on the

situation in the southern Philip-

pines, where a separatist revolt by

part of the minority Moslem

community has simmered for

Somalia is one of four countries

appointed several years ago by the

Conference of Islamic Nations to

try to mediate between the Philip-

pines Government and the rebels

of the Moro National Liberation

nearly seven years.

Front (MNLF).

Malacanang presidential palace.

visiting Somali official MANILA, Jan. 11 (R) - Presthe field, negotiations to end the ident Ferdinand Marcos, apparrebellion have so far failed. Presently as part of his move to strengident Marcos has promised to hold then relations in the Moslem elections soon for two semi-

behind in an upstairs apartment, said he was convinced the attack was directed against him. Mr. Barazani, on a visit to Vienna from his home in London, claimed yesterday that Iraq had sent specially trained squads to Europe to kill prominent Kurdish

icity, his defence lawver said. Attorney Sam Amirante told a heavily guarded courtroom yes-**Philippines decorates** terday that Mr. Gacy, a 36year-old building contractor. pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering seven youths, aged 15 to 20.

> He said the 23-member grand jury which returned the charges on Monday was tainted by prejudicial publicity unprecedented in American criminal history.

posed to last for three years.

The Soviets who lag in Cruise

missile technology, want the pro-

tocol ban to last as long as poss-

ible, so they insist that the three

years begin when the treaty takes

effect, extending the protocol at

The United States originally

wanted the three-year period to

begin in 1977 and has now offered

to let it run until 1981. The period

is important because it is linked to

the date by which each side's total

of strategic weapons must be

That reduction will force the

Soviets to dismantle a number of

weapons. U.S. forces will not be

affected, however, since they already fit under the 2,250 limit.

there are "about a dozen" issues

the Americans feel are basically

matters of wording, but which

could become more serious prob-

lems if either side feels the other is

murder charges against accused

mass sex slayer John Gacy should

be quashed because the grand jury

which indicated him was influ-

enced by prejudicial press publ-

becoming intransigent.

In addition, the sources said,

reduced from 2,400 to 2,250.

least into 1982.

Mr. Gacv has hardly been out of the headlines in Chicago since dominantly Christian Philippines. police dug up 27 bodies at his sub-

publicity in U.S. mass-murder trial urban home last month. It was one CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (R) — Seven

of the biggest mass murders ever

uncovered in the United States. The press has widely reported two alleged confessions in which he told police he sexually molested and strangled 32 boys and young men in the last seven

Mr. Amirante has previously said that he doubted Mr. Gacy could get a fair trial anywhere in the United States. But Illinois State Prosecutor Bernard Carey said vesterday he believed an impartial jury could be found in Chicago, Mr. Carey said the state would seek the death penalty if

Mr. Gacy is convicted. Judge Richard Fitzgerald ordered Mr. Gacy to undergo psy-



first blacks conscripted into the Rhodesian armed forces reported for duty vesterday -- but four-tifths of those called to arms appeared to have failed to turn up in protest.

autonomous regional gov-

ernments in the area as a gesture

to the Moslem minority in pre-

A defence manpower spokesman said that only 300 blacks had reported for duty on schedule at Llewellyn Barracks in Bulawayo out of 1,544 called up since the beginning of December.

The manpower spokesman, quoted in a government press release, said he was delighted by the response. But one army officer on the scene told reporters that the turn-out was poor.

"They are fools" he said of Though many rebels have left those who did not arrive. "We

who did turn up and they will get a very good training.

The transitional government decreed last October that all black Rhodesians aged between 18 and 25 who had completed three years of secondary education would be hable for call-up. White Manpower Minister

Rowan Cronje estimated that about 25,000 blacks would qualify, but indicated that the call-up would be selective. Military sources said the army was aiming for educated blacks who could fill senior NCO and junior officer levels.

Eighty per cent of Rhodesia's regular army of about 8,000 men

drain of white emigrants.

to report for duty in Salisbury yesterday for their national service, only 1.085 turned up, according to the government. An army spokesman said those missing had probably left the country.

at present comprises blacks--att volunteers. But most have littleeducation and the military sorely needs relatively well-educated men to fill gaps left by a constant

Of 1,500 young whites ordered

Conscripted blacks are required to serve 12 months in the forces. Reporters interviewed some before they arrived at the barracks but were not allowed inside the base. The army discouraged press coverage of the event.

The Senate voted to ratify the treaties by a single vote last year. but the agreements to turn the waterway over to Panama are facing a fresh test in the House, which is considering legislation to implement the treaties.

the year 2000.

White House officials delib-

erately held off on the imple-

waned. The American Conservative Union (ACU) is doing all it can to keep the fight alive. ACU spokes person Fran Griffin said mailing: went to about 85,000 sympathisers soliciting funds and urging them to push House members to oppose the implementing legislation as a means of blocking the

If the implementing legislation is defeated or substantially delayed, opponents will most likely ask a federal court to block the president from meeting treaty

The White House says a treaty is a treaty, once it wins the twothirds Senate vote required for ratification under the Constitution. While it might be difficult to turn the canal over to Panama without the implementing legislation, it can be done, according to White House

## Electronic diving pack monitors air supply

This new British self-

contained closed-circuit deep diving pack recycles costly helium gas. It is designed for use down to 500 metres. Called the Deep Dive 500, it is claimed to be the first to use electronic components to control the vital breathing gas supply. The pack, which weighs 28.5 kilogrammes out of water, nominal duration of six hours. It is mounted on a jacket for easier dressing in confined spaces. All the electronic control components-including one that continuously reads the output from vital sensors and sounds an audible alarm to the diver if the pressure rises above pre-set fimits-are housed in one container maintained at the same pressure as the surrounding water. (IPS photo)

## UNESCO to prepare proposals for code of journalistic ethics

BELGRADE, Jan. 11 (R)--An international commission studying communications problems has decided to set up a working group to prepare proposals for a world ende of journalistic ethics, officials said vesterday.

The 16-man commission, meeting in the Yugoslav sea resort of

Defence lawyer claims prejudicial

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

It will hold a series of meetings this year expected to end with a final report to the UNESCO General Conference in Belgrade in

chiatric examination to see if he is

mentally fit to stand trial. Mr.

Amirante has said that Mr. Gacy

had shown signs of a split per-

He told Judge Fitzgerald that

Mr. Gacy wore a cloak of inno-

cence unless a jury decided other-

wise. "We don't know what may

or may not be true, or may or may

not be admissible as evidence, he

sonality.

In closed sessions, the commission debated a proposal to work out a code of journalistic ethics which would precisely define rights and obligations, facilities and duties of journalists, the officials said. A majority of the commission's members favoured such a code, they added.

But some members were against it. They called instead for observance of the principle of full freedom of the press, the officials

After the debate the commission decided to set up a working group to prepare proposals on basic principles for the code and make a comparative study on journalistic codes of ethics in various countries, they added.

The commission, which started its meeting on Monday, will continue until tomorrow its discussion on free flow of information, protection of journalists, availability of technical facilities and other communication problems.

## Carter prepares for 2nd fight over Panama Canal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP) --U.S. President Jimmy Carter is preparing to fight a second battle for congressional approval of the Panama Canal treaties.

Unlike the treaties, which took a two-thirds vote for approval, the legislation will require a simple majority in the House and Senate.

Mr. Carter is expected to propose the legislation shortly after the 96th Congress convenes Monday. It will cover the establishment of a commission to govern the canal and set tolls for passage until the Panamanians take full control in

The legislation also must provide authority to move U.S. military bases from the Canal Zone and relocate the graves of U.S. servicemen.

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W. German steel workers back on the job

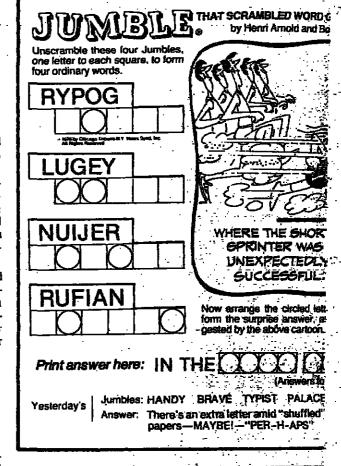
ESSEN. West Germany, Jan. 11 (R)-Steel workers went be their jobs in West Germany's industrial Ruhr region today a 41-day strike which cost the industry about \$-750 million return followed acceptance of a compromise wage settlements them a four percent rise and longer holidays. Night shift worker day workers over 50 will do fewer shifts per year, but will receip pay. The strike and a retaliatory lockout by employers involved. plants and made 100,000 workers idle. It was the first in the steel industry for half a century.

Americans spent more for less in 1978

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (R)--People in the United Series more during 1978 but had less to show for it because of infla Commerce Department said yesterday retail sales for a totalled \$779.66 billion, 10.1 per cent higher than 1977; 1884 prices rose about nine per cent, the volume of goods but actually only about one per cent higher.

China plans "great green wall" of trees

HONG KONG, Jan. 11 (R)-China is to grow a "great green w trees stretching several thousand kilometres through seven vinces to skirt its deserts and highlands, the New China News said today. The agency said the forestry belt would cover 5.33; hectares of land from the northeastern Heilonjiang province northwestern Xinjiang (Sinkiang) autonomous region. It s project, to be completed by 1985, would protect 13 million in of farmland and transform vast areas of barren land into producing and animal-breeding centres.



## Malaysia's sweet-sour outlook

By Thaung Myine

KUALA LUMPUR, (R) -- Malavsia expects to boost its oil production by over 30 per cent to 304,000 barrels a day this year, giving a further fillip to an already-booming economy.

With rising exports of rubber, tin and palm oil, the country should have little difficulty in achieving seven-per-cent growth, the same as last year. But behind the rosy picture for

the coming months is concern about what will happen to the economy after 1979, worries that the country could face another flood of Vietnamese refugees, and fears that communist guerrillas may be preparing for new violence.

Malaysian leaders are concerned that the 14.5 per cent oil price hike announced by major oil producers will retard economic growth in industrialised countries which are major trading partners, or even cause a recession which could drastically cut their demands for Malaysian commodities.

It is felt there is a real prospect of imported inflation because Malaysia buys industrial goods

While Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah is confident that the prices of Malaysian commodities will continue to hold up of the increase in prices.

ition as a net exporter of oil.

1978 because of new wells coming partners. onstream in three Exxon-

countries to sustain its economic development projects. This could hamper efforts to hold the inflation rate to the present five per

well this year, he is already thinking aloud about the need to fight imported inflation, perhaps by the government absorbing part What will cushion against any faltering in the national economy in the long run is Malaysia's pos-

It stands to gain from the increased oil prices, particularly becnomy this year will be spearheaded by a 15 per cent increase nly from higher oil production.

and equipment from the advanced tin production, which has just reversed its downward trend of the past five years, although still plagued by rising costs and high taxes.

The 1979 oil price increases, if bassed on to the tin industry as in the past, would seriously affect production costs, according to one Malaysian official. He said they were already very high because of taxes, increasingly high costs of imported mining machinery, lower grades of mining land and spiralling labour costs.

Before the oil price increases, the industry expected that tin production would rise above 60,000 tonnes in 1979, compared with more than 58,700 tonnes estimated for 1978.

Government economists said a ause the expansion of the eco- treasury prediction of 7.2 per cent growth in 1979 remained valid as it was based on a very conservative in the mining sector output, mai- assumption that the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Malaysia's sulphur-free crude Development (OECD) countries oil output is estimated to rise to would achieve only 3.3 per cent 304,000 barrels a day this year annual growth. The OECD natfrom 229,000 barrels daily in ions are Malaysia's main trading

This would leave Malaysia with operated fields off the east coast. a \$1.3 billion surplus on current There is growing anxiety about and capital account for the year.

Continued economic growth has been helped by the assurance of political stability. The ruling National Front of majority Malay and minority Chinese and Indian parties won a resounding victory in the 1978 elections with a comfortable two-thirds majority in Parliament.

reinforced the position of Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn. who is respected by all the races as a national leader who can hold the multi-racial society together. However, despite the surging

economy and apparent political stability, Mr. Datuk Hussein is known to be preoccupied with the problem of achieving national Ethnic conflict

Mutual distrust and fear bet-

ween the Malays, forming nearly six million of the 12.7 million total population, and some four million Chinese remain unabated,

The Malays, set on owning 30 per cent equity capital by 1990, fear the Chinese may not let them achieve this, while the Chinese feel they may be robbed of their.

dominant economic position.

The explosive issue of establishing a private Chinese university for Chinese students refused entry into existing universities, which favour Malay admission, was defused only when the government promised increased admissions of Chinese applicants to the universities, after The elections, held mid-term, rejecting the private university proposal

The Industrial Coordination Act to regulate and supervise establishment of industrial plants continues to run into Chinese objections. In protest they have been withholding investments, to the detriment of the national eco-

The escalating war between Cambodia, backed by China, and Vietnam, supported by the Soviet Union, is viewed by the Malaysian leaders as a new danger to regional stability and an unexpected obstacle in their efforts to make Southeast Asia a zone of peace,. freedom and neutrality.

To the ordinary Malays, the immediate effect of the situation in Indochina is the growing exodus of Vietnamese refugees into Malaysia, which now harbours more than 48,000 who fled Vietnam.

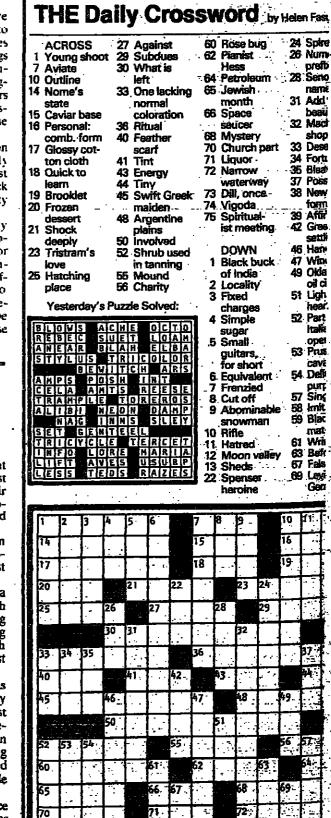
There is spreading resentment among the Malays of the east coast at this influx of aliens into their midst, and fears that tens of thousands more refugees may head here next year. Another danger never far from

the minds of Malaysians is the possible resurgence of communist guerrilla activities. Four guerrillas recently raided a

police station and made off with all the police weapons, suggesting the communists may be preparing to renew their jungle war, which was reduced to a low level almost throughout 1978, An estimated 3,000 guerrillas

of the outlawed Communist Party have been kept on the run this past year by joint Malaysian-Thai operations against their sanctuaries in Thailand's Betong salient, jutting into Malaysia, and by combined army and police sweeps inside Malaysia.

But the daring raid on the police station in Selangor state is seen as a warning to the authorities that the guerrillas still hope to move southwards from the northern states on the Thai border to Selangor, Negri Sembilan and even Johore near Singapore.



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